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Vital signs

School bus safety

Motor Vehicle Services Technical Support employees Kenneth Hinton, Mark Marino, Robert Leonhardt, Joseph Vasil, Paul Giordano and Washington Inspection Station Supervisor Vincent Woepple volunteered to judge 130 entrants' pretrip inspection skills in the School Bus Driver Safety Competition at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson last month. A school bus driver must make the crucial pretrip inspection to detect any defects before driving the bus.

To win, the contestants had to find five defects in a five-minute pretrip inspection, pass a written exam, an interview and submit to a personal appearance rating. The winner will compete in the Oregon Nationals in August for the "best school bus driver in the country" designation. Other judges were from the Division of Highway Traffic Safety, the Department of Education's Bureau of Pupil Transportation, Jackson Township and the NJ State Police.

Buckle Up America Week

Commissioner John J. Haley Jr. and Motor Vehicle

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NJDOT comes to the aid of Winslow Township

NJDOT rushed to replace a key Camden County bridge on Route 561 in Winslow Township after an overweight crane caused the bridge to collapse on April 22. Commissioner Haley watched with Sen. Martha Bark and local officials as the new bridge structure was dropped into place. Maintenance and Operations staff is supervising the around-the-clock repair work which is expected to be completed by May 16. Haley said that the Department will also pursue the reimbursement of the repair costs.

NJDOT honors daughters

While Governor Christine Todd Whitman addressed participants in Trenton on the April 24 "Take Our Daughters to Work Day," NJDOT "daughters" participated in events held at Headquarters, the North Region in Mt. Arlington, the Central Region in Freehold, the South Region in Mt. Laurel and Motor Vehicle Services Headquarters in Trenton.

Special Assistant Carol-Ann Hollows welcomed 130 NJDOT daughters to the Headquarters events. "Today's a special day for you to think about building your career. Make sure you take your time before you decide — talk to your parents, too," Hollows said. Volunteer chaperones escorted the girls in five different age groups to various work areas.

One stop on the agenda was the Division of Aeronautics and Freight Systems, where Mercer County College Technical Assistant Diane Loving spoke about women in aviation. "You don't have to fly or work on an airline to be in aviation," Loving stated. "You can work as a librarian, a writer, a scientist or a police officer."

For those interested in the weather and how NJDOT deals with it, Executive Assistant Harold Neil gave tours of the snow room operations. Supervisor of Highway Marking Dave Bowlby explained the way around the highways and byways of New Jersey with a demonstration of the sign shop's workings.

Digging deeper, the Bureau of Environmental Services cultural resources professionals showed a detailed archaeological display. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Specialist Joe Perry explained how NJDOT puts maps of New Jersey together and how the GIS unit creates and uses aerial photography.

For future computer technicians, Supervisor of the NJDOT Help Desk Sue Hattman answered questions about computers in the PC Lab; Project Engineer of Data Development John Senyk gave tours of the Video Lab.

Pee Wee the clown entertained at lunch in the multi-purpose room.

DMV Deputy Director Christopher Kniesler welcomed 80 daughters and Lois Rishko, Manager of the DMV Telephone Center spoke to the group about choosing their profession.

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NJDOT goes full cycle this season

Now that spring is here, New Jerseyans are walking, running, and bicycling on the roadways all over the state.

There's no doubt that bicycling is fast becoming the preferred outdoor activity nationally (next to walking). In New Jersey, Governor Christine Todd Whitman has declared May as Bike Month. Appropriately Commissioner John J. Haley Jr. appointed Bill Feldman of NJDOT's Bureau of Suburban Mobility as Bicycle/Pedestrian Advocate.

"We will continue to review our roadway projects so that they address bicycle and pedestrian travel needs," the Commissioner said. "In all of our roadway projects, we will actively seek out ways to incorporate facilities that serve pedestrians and bicyclists. This is a real commitment and Bill's appointment highlights the importance we place on it."

NJDOT also kicked off its new "Share the Road" campaign during Bike Month. Advertisements, flyers, newspaper ads and radio commercials will focus on educating bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists on the rules of the road for a safer New Jersey.

Three million people will see the "Hop, Skip and Jump" ad that promotes walking and bicycling as a means of getting from here to there. NJDOT has arranged for this ad to run in the *New Jersey Fun Guide* that 11 statewide newspapers and 138 weekly publications distribute.

To further assist the public, NJDOT offers literature and booklets, such as the *New Jersey Bicycle Manual.* It provides information about buying the right bike, developing riding skills, and getting the required equipment for day and night rides. This popular manual also gives information about New Jersey bicycling laws (including the helmet law) and interpreting the meaning of traffic signs, signals and pavement markings. It also lists touring clubs, contact phone numbers and reference books. For a free copy of the manual, just call (609) 292-6500 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Sunshine bikers

NJDOTers Bart DiNola and Frank Bocchini are organizing a bike ride for the Sunshine Fund sponsored by the Italian-American Sportsmen's Club. Last year they raised $20,000 for needy children by sponsoring a 26K bike ride. This year they'll organize 45 bikers to ride from the Kuser Road Clubhouse in Hamilton Township through Crosswicks and Allentown on June 28 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Kids of all ages can ride or simply act as a sponsor. For more information or to sign up, contact DiNola at 609-586-2154 or Bocchini at 609-989-9113 before June 20.

Plotting a design

NJDOT's CADD Support Unit hosted two demonstrations for Hunterdon County Polytech students last month. Principal Engineer Joe Cook put together a set of highway project plans on Microstation (a robust graphics package similar to Auto CADD). Watching Cook are students Mike Sclafani, Jason Burger, David Cole, Bill Brown, Josh Weichler, Dan Giles, Joe Morsbach and Matthew Stellas with instructor Marvin Hartpence. Sr. Engineer Mike Castaldo conducted the afternoon session using CADD for design work flow. CADD Graphics Support Group Manager Bruce Cosaboom coordinated the event.

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People Briefs

NJDOT golfers gather in Florida

Highlighting NJDOT's 4th annual April golf outing for friends, retirees and employees in Virginia Beach, VA was Tom Wospil's hole-in-one at Hell's Point Golf Club. Pictured with Tom in the first row, left to right, are friend Tom Gurba, retiree Orville Abbott, Jules (and Tom) Wospil of Capital Program Management and friend John Gurba. In the back are friends John Therkelsen, Bob Kerwin, Jim Kish, Rich Tindall, NJDOT retiree Charlie Takacs, Rich Jablonski of Capital Program Management, John Dourgarian of Communications, friend Pete McCabe, Howard Immordino of External and Governmental Affairs, George Kuziw of Data Development, Lou Varga of Accounting and Auditing, friend Walt Sliwowski, Ken Kyte of Data Technology and Steve Warren of Traffic Engineering and Systems.

Moves

Barbara Bush and **Wendy Molner** switched managerial positions in March. Bush assumed the responsibilities of Director, Office of Community Relations and Molner assumed leadership as the Department's Legislative Liaison. "Their individual expertise with local officials and the State Legislature will help advance the proposed FY98 Capital Program and its current legislative agenda," said Assistant Commissioner Stanley J. Rosenblum of External & Governmental Affairs.

Bill Feldman, Manager of NJDOT's Bureau of Suburban Mobility appropriately moved to NJDOT Bicycle/Pedestrian Advocate on Earth Day. Feldman will work to promote the Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan of vision, policy and action for improving the bicycling and walking environment in the state. (See "NJDOT goes full cycle" on page 2.)

Earth Day also marked the addition of the new statewide litter campaign to the duties of **Harold Neil**, Executive Assistant in the Commissioner's Office, (See "Commissioner targets litter on Earth Day.")

New additions

Principal Engineer **Donald Locke** of Traffic Engineering and Safety Programs and his wife Kathy greeted Kevin Donald on April 4. The new Locke weighed in at 11 lbs., 14 oz.

It's double duty for Planning's Sr. Engineer **Willie J. Colquitt Jr.** and wife Tammy Evans with the arrival of twin boys. Weighing in at 2 lbs. each, Willie III (the older) and Evan (the younger) arrived on April 16.

Retirees

Construction and Maintenance Technician 1 **Edward Ryan** of Regional Operations Central retired May 1 after 38 yrs., 10 mos. Joining him are **John Pinto,** Project Engineer in Capital Program Management, 36 yrs., 3 mos.; **J. Richard Joa,** Crew Supervisor Mechanic, Regional Operations Central, 28 yrs., 4 mos.; **Ronald Hand,** Supervisor Transportation Analyst, Transportation Systems Planning, 23 yrs., 10 mos.; **John Lay,** Construction & Maintenance Technician 2, Regional Operations North, 10 yrs., 8 mos.; and **Kanubhan Parkh,** Sr. Engineer Transportation, Capital Program Management, 10 yrs., 3 mos.

Obituaries

NJDOT retiree **Bernice McCoy-Westcott** died December 25 in Trenton.The Materials Laboratory employee is survived by mother Eldridge McCoy, daughters Robyn, Glinda Bridgewater, Bridget Gantt, Cherry Ganie and Crystal Reaves, son Samuel D. Jr., several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and other relatives.

Former NJDOT employee **Lynn P. Clark** died March 31 in Trenton. Survivors include sons Sean and Curt.

MVS Record Technician III **Deborah A. Wood** died April 6 at home. A brother Lawrence survives the Hamilton resident.

Joyce E. Olczak of Jackson Township died April 16 in Newtown, PA. Retired from Motor Vehicle Services in 1996, Olczak is survived by her husband Albert, daughters Donna Campbell, Joy Tomko and Audrey Bilbee Soriero and sons Howard Jr. and Alan.

Former NJDOT employee **Ann Livingston Crawford** died April 26 in New Brunswick. Survivors include parents Roy and Evelyn McNeil-Livingston and children Brenda, Thomas and Darrington.

Employee Service Awards to appear in June issue

Buckle Up

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Services Director C. Richard Kamin remind all employees that during May 19-26 there's a national law enforcement and public information effort to convince motorists and passengers to buckle up. Use your lap and shoulder belt, and put all children in the back seat properly restrained. Buckling up is the law in 49 states including New Jersey and could save your life.

Some people think if their car has air bags they don't have to use seat belts. Wrong! They do not take the place of seat belts; they supplement them. So before you start your vehicle, remember these ABCs: **A**ir bag safety means **B**uckle everyone and **C**hildren in back!

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Haley talks goods movement at TransAction

"New Jersey has one of the oldest, most complex and the most heavily used infrastructures in America. It is not only a domestic workhorse, it serves as a global trade link," said Commissioner John J. Haley Jr. as he spoke of the goods movement to transportation officials and attendees at TransAction 1997, New Jersey's 21st Annual Transportation Conference in Atlantic City last month.

Using visuals, Haley explained the importance of the goods movement in New Jersey and newsworthy items such as port dredging, the Conrail merger and motor carrier traffic in New Jersey. Haley provided strategies for improved shipping and ports, roads, rail and airports to reduce transport time and costs for economic growth that's environmentally friendly.

"To meet the dynamics of the global marketplace, we've got to be dynamic and creative ourselves. The NJ commitment is reflected in a record $1.8 billion proposed FY 98 capital program that preserves critical infrastructure, advances missing links projects, promotes transit and technology to improve mobility and is all critical for efficient goods movement."

In closing, Haley commented "everyone has a role in meeting the goal to move goods more efficiently." He asked that lawmakers, the construction industry, transportation experts and the private sector join forces to meet that objective.

Haley and Assembly Transportation Committee Chairman Alex DeCroce were on the goods movement panel.

NJDOTers participating in other seminars included William Anderson, William Beetle, Don Borowski, Francis Brady, Chris Cox, Robert Goslin, James C. Greller, William Hoffman, Dennis Keck, Albert Maiocchi, Theodore Matthews, Timothy F. McGough, Robert Miller, James Paral, Stanley Rosenblum, James Snyder, Mark Stout, Thomas Thatcher and Pippa Woods.

NJDOT cosponsored the conference with the County Transportation Association of NJ, NJ Transit, NJ metropolitan planning organizations and transportation management associations, the Port Authority of NY & NJ, NJ Short Line Railroad Association, University Transportation Research Center, City College of NY, and NJ Council on Special Transportation.

Commissioner targets litter on Earth Day

What a great gift for our 4.5 billion year old planet — to clean it! On Earth Day, Commissioner John J. Haley Jr. announced a statewide litter campaign. "We're here (in Newark) to launch an interagency effort to clean up New Jersey's roads," Haley said.

With children from the South Street School, Haley picked up litter and planted trees and shrubs along Route 21. The Commissioner said, "Our starting point is Newark, but the entire state of New Jersey is our goal. It is appropriate on Earth Day we renew our efforts to make New Jersey a cleaner and greener place to live. This is a quality of life issue."

Harold Neil of the Commissioner's Office will coordinate the three-part litter control efforts of education, enforcement and action. NJDOT will routinely dedicate litter "hot spots" in the north, central and south regions. The NJ State Police will provide support through enforcement, and NJDOT has set up a special litter hotline 1-800-524-7455 for citizens.